

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 8, 16 and 21 have been amended and claim 5 has been cancelled. Claims 1-4, 6-20 and 22-23 are pending and under consideration. Claims 9-14 are allowed. Claims 5 and 21-23 are objected to.

The double patenting rejection is overcome by the present amendments.

The rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 are overcome by the present amendments.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

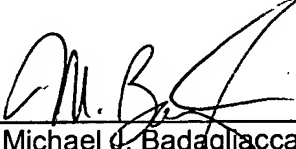
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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